Workplace Fatalities



4/13/98 Fall from ladder

A 62-year-old worker was killed when he fell 15 feet from a ladder.

Workers at the coffee shop, where he was installing a garage door opener, found him lying on the ground. He died of massive trauma to the head. The victim had just started working for the company part-time to supplement his retirement. No citations were issued.

Questions to ask?

- Do you have safe work procedures for the use of ladders?
- Do you do routine inspection of ladders?
- Do you erect ladders at the appropriate pitch, assuring secure footing?
- Do you know how to safely use ladders near electrical circuits?